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Title : MODIFIED VITAMIN K-DEPENDENT POLYPEPTIDES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 --This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/302,239, filed April 29, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/955,636, filed on October 23, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,017,882.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-22.

Please add the following new claims.

A2 SUB B --23. A protein C or activated protein C polypeptide comprising a modified GLA domain, said modified GLA domain comprising at least one amino acid substitution selected from residues 11, 12, 29, 33 and 34.

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